

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT

TOPIC Ammunition Depot at Mockrehna

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14 November 1951

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REMARKS

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1. On 5 September 1951, [] the Soviet ammunition depot in the former German Air Force ammunition depot at Mockrehna was commanded by a Soviet major and occupied by a company which was organized into 2 guard details, 1 motor transport squad, technical personnel and clerks. The company had about 120 soldiers. The motor transport squad had at least 17 trucks, and 2 semitrailers. Most of the vehicles were on blocks. *

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2. Guard duty outside the depot was performed by a VP Sonderkommando with a strength of 136 men. It was commanded by VP Oberkommissar Todte (fnu).

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3. About 100 German civilians, mostly women, were employed at the depot. They were engaged predominantly in unloading and reshipping ammunition. Allegedly no ammunition was processed. The ammunition, allegedly only German, which was stored at the depot, included 150-mm heavy field howitzer shells; 105-mm light field howitzer shells; 80-mm mortar shells; 75-mm AT gun shells; and small quantities of infantry ammunition. The ammunition was ready for use. No fuses were screwed on.

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4. [] the VP Dienststelle in Torgau [] mit received truckloads of ammunition from Mockrehna at the beginning of the summer training which was held in camps in the woods in Dueben Heath. [] the depot at Mockrehna was a restricted type as hardly any outgoing ammunition shipments were observed.

5. A train of 35 cars arrived at the depot at the beginning of September. [] the train had come from Gadebusch and carried German artillery ammunition exclusively. **

* [] Comment. The information confirms the Soviet ammunition depot at Mockrehna until the beginning of September 1951. The statement that the depot exclusively contains German ammunition, appears credible. No reports on rail movements listed the arrival of shipments from the U.S.S.R. at the depot. The depot at Mockrehna as well as the depot at Torgau-Zinna, which also stores German ammunition, were filled with stocks from Jueterbog in November 1950. They probably serve Volkspolizei units exclusively. Chemical munitions were formerly stored in the German Air Force ammunition depot. The munitions were allegedly to be destroyed in December 1948. It is not known whether German chemical warfare agents are still stored at the

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depot or whether new Soviet munitions were shipped to the depot. The latter assumption is less probable.

**  Comment. The shipment has not been listed in reports on rail movements.

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